

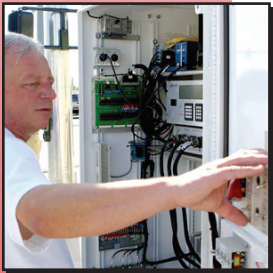
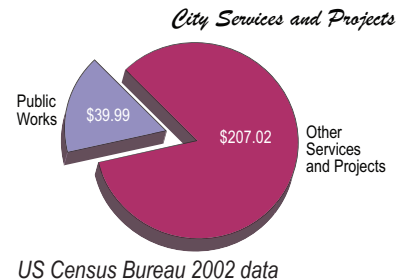


City of Las Vegas

Public Works

Making Sense of YOUR Dollars and Cents

Of the \$247.00 the City collects in taxes and fees per household per month, \$39.99 is spent on streets and improvements, sanitation and other public works.*



What can you get for \$39.99?

One of the items below:

- A new video game disk.
- An oil and air filter change.
- A lunch buffet for four people.



OR

Did you know?

*For the largest city in each state:**

- Las Vegas had a lower overall tax burden than all but three cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower property tax payment than 28 of the other cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower sales tax rate than 35 of the other cities.

Source: Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Finance and Revenue.

* For a family of four with a \$50,000 household income

All of the items below and more:

Maintenance of 1,258 miles of city streets that are cleaned on a bi-weekly basis.

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48,365 street lights and 483 intersections with traffic signals.

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1,640 miles of sanitary sewers, 330 miles of storm drain channels and 14 flood control detention basins.

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Sewage facilities that currently treat 68 million gallons per day (MGD) with a capacity of 102 MGD.

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Maintenance of 1,980 miles of above and below ground wire and conductors.

* For purposes of comparison, data is from the 2002 Census of Governments.



City	Households ¹	Public Works expenditures ²	Public Works expenditures household/ year ²	Public Works expenditures household/ month ²	Percent roads rated "Good" ³	Percent roads rated "Mediocre to Fair" ³	Percent roads rated "Poor" ³
Portland, OR	223,750	\$ 287,000,000	\$ 1,282.68	\$ 106.89	39%	47%	14%
Seattle, WA	257,219	\$ 262,000,000	\$ 1,018.59	\$ 84.88	48%	34%	18%
Oklahoma City, OK	200,729	\$ 166,000,000	\$ 826.99	\$ 68.92	18%	35%	47%
Baltimore, MD	248,291	\$ 188,000,000	\$ 757.18	\$ 63.10	21%	35%	44%
Ft. Worth, TX	197,387	\$ 128,000,000	\$ 648.47	\$ 54.04	18%	54%	28%
Denver, CO	239,394	\$ 131,000,000	\$ 547.22	\$ 45.60	32%	46%	22%
Las Vegas, NV	187,530	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 479.92	\$ 39.99	47%	45%	8%
Nashville, TN	221,756	\$ 88,000,000	\$ 396.83	\$ 33.07	57%	36%	7%
Cleveland, OH	189,171	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 333.03	\$ 27.75	29%	48%	23%
El Paso, TX	191,203	\$ 51,000,000	\$ 266.73	\$ 22.23	22%	55%	23%

Sources: 1. American Community Survey, 2002

2. Year 2002 data from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2006

3. Insurance Services Office, 2006

City of Las Vegas Public Works Facts

- The city maintains 1,258 miles of roadway. That's enough to reach from City Hall in Las Vegas to Seattle Washington and continue another 70 miles to the Canadian border.
- The city has 48,365 street lights which put out more than 7.5 million watts. That's 24 times the wattage output of the beam at the Luxor Hotel.
- The city maintains 1,640 miles of sanitary sewers. That's 190 miles longer than the Colorado River.
- The city maintains 330 miles of storm drain channels. That's more than six times the length of the Panama Canal.
- The city's sewage facilities treat 68 million gallons per day.
- The city maintains 1,980 miles of above and below ground wire and conductors. That's enough to reach from downtown Las Vegas to downtown Tampa, Florida
- The city's Public Works Department achieved accreditation by the American Public Works Association, making it the 23rd Public Works department in the nation and the first city in Nevada to achieve this prestigious status.
- The city of Las Vegas received the 2005 National Association of Clean Water Agencies Gold Peak Performance Award for the sixth consecutive year for wastewater treatment, designating the facility as one of the best in the Nation.

